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MEMORANDUM TO: General Counsel, CIA

**SUBJECT: Copyright Release for use of Williams Map
Classification System**

1. The Graphic Materials Division is adapting as part of their procedure for recording map information a system known as the "Williams Classification". This Classification was copyrighted in 1930 by Archibald B. Williams while he had charge of the General Staff Map Collection, a G-2 function under Lt. Col. J. P. Terrell.

2. This classification system has been extended and modified but is still in use in the Army Department. Mr. Hugh Spittle, Chief of Army Map Service Map Library, Mr. Ernest DeWald, his assistant, and Mr. Arthur Kendall of Map Production, Map Intelligence Division, have all assured the Reference Center that there are no copyright restrictions which would prevent the use of the system by the Graphic Materials Division. [redacted] Chief of the Graphic Materials Division, have contacted Mr. Archibald B. Williams at his home, 4404 44th Street, N. W., and have been personally invited to make whatever use of his classification that would be helpful without any cost.

3. The Reference Center in using his system has given him recognition by identifying it as the "Williams Classification", but it might be advisable to have Mr. Williams' signed agreement to CIA's use of his copyright in any matter we see fit without obligation. Mr. Williams has expressed his willingness to sign such a release if it is desired.

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**Acting Chief
Reference Center**